

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW ON WORKING OF DRDA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the working of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the work done by the Agencies in every State and particularly in the State of Orissa during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government propose to revamp the working of DRDA's in the scheduled districts of the States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry has been reviewing the working of DRDAs from time to time. The DRDAs are facilitating and supporting organizations to the Zilla Parishads and providing necessary executive and technical support in respect of poverty reduction efforts, so as to ensure effective utilization of the funds available under various schemes of rural development. The DRDAs are required to coordinate with the Line Departments, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Banks and other financial institutions, NGOs as well as the technical institutions, with a view to harnessing the support and resources required for poverty reduction efforts. The DRDAs are also required to closely monitor the implementation of various Schemes like Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Indira Awas Yojana and to ensure financial discipline in respect of the funds received by them.

(c) to (e) The Ministry has taken various measures for strengthening and revamping of working of the DRDAs in all States including Orissa and scheduled districts of the States. Keeping in view the need for an effective agency at the district level to coordinate the anti poverty effort, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme - `DRDA Administration`- was introduced w.e.f. 1st April, 1999 in all the States including Orissa and scheduled districts of the States. The Guidelines of the scheme provide for the constitution and composition of the Governing Body of the DRDAs, its administrative structure, Staffing Pattern & Personnel Policy. All States are required to follow the Guidelines.